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FOLLOWING REPEAT VIENTIANE 0134 ACTION SECSTATE 26 JAN 77

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR AFSP APER  
SUBJ: EMBASSY VIENTIANE STAFFING PATTERN

REF: (A) STATE 17179, (B) VIENTIANE 120, (C) VIENTIANE 125

1. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORDERLY  
AND EXPEDITIOUS DEPARTURE OF PERSONS LISTED PARA 2  
REF A. WE PLAN TO HAVE PEOPLE MOVE OUT AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE BUT ARE NOT AT THIS POINT SETTING FIXED TIME-  
TABLE NOR ORDER OF MOVEMENT SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECT-  
ING THEIR DEPARTURE MAY CHANGE. WE WILL INFORM

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DEPARTMENT AS PERSONNEL ACTUALLY DEPART. WE ALSO WILL  
SEND SEPARATE NOTES INFORMING LPDR FOREIGN MINISTRY OF  
INDIVIDUAL DEPARTURES.

2. RE PARA 8 REFTEL, WE DO NOT EXPECT TO GO BELOW  
TWELVE PERSONS AT POST BARRING ILLNESS OR OTHER  
EMERGENCIES. NEVERTHELESS, WE CONSIDER THAT LPDR

WOULD HAVE NO COMPUNCTION IN INSISTING ANY TIME IT  
WANTED TO THAT WE REDUCE OUR PERSONNEL FURTHER AND WILL  
NOT NEED ANY EXCUSE TO DO SO.

3. RE PARA 10, WE PLAN TO MAINTAIN WIRELESS FILE AND  
ENOUGH LOCAL PERSONNEL TO OPERATE IT.

4. COINCIDENTALLY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OLSON OF AREA TELE-  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE MANILA VISITED EMBASSY JANUARY  
25-26 AND WE DISCUSSED QUESTION OF COMMO PERSONNEL  
WITH HIM.

5. AS REPORTED REF B IN MED CHANNEL, ADMIN COUNSELOR  
SWEDENBURG WAS MEDICALLY EVACUATED TO BANGKOK JANUARY  
24. BEFORE DEPARTURE HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE  
JANUARY 28, BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM  
BANGKOK OF WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THAT  
SCHEDULE. IF HIS CONDITION SHOULD BE SERIOUS ENOUGH  
TO PRECLUDE HIS RETURN FOR ANY LENGTHY PERIOD, THAT  
WOULD OF COURSE SOMEWHAT AFFECT OUR PLANS FOR REDUCTION  
AND WE MIGHT HAVE TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO SEND  
OUT EITHER A TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT UNTIL THE NEW  
ADMIN OFFICER ARRIVES OR ELSE EXPEDITE THE LATTER'S  
ARRIVAL.

6. PAO INTENDS REPORT PLANS FOR CLOSURE OF POST  
SOONEST. LOWER CLASSIFICATION OF THAT MESSAGE AND  
OTHER ELEMENTS OF REDUCTION, HOWEVER, AWAIT RESPONSE  
TO QUESTIONS WE RAISED REF C. IN PARTICULAR, PAO HAS  
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TO INFORM HIS LOCAL STAFF OF CLOSURE IN ORDER BEGIN  
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS.

7. MOREOVER, WE WILL HAVE TO LET OUR OTHER LOCAL  
EMPLOYEES KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AS WE BEGIN SHIPMENT  
OF PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM VIENTIANE.

8. FINALLY, WE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK  
REGARDING OUTWARD SHIPMENTS FROM HERE AS WELL AS  
INCOMING SHIPMENTS WHICH ARE NOW WAITING THERE.

9. SINCE WE HAVE TOLD LPDR THAT WE WILL COMPLY WITH  
ITS REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF OUR PERSONNEL, AND SINCE  
SOVIETS AT LEAST KNOW ABOUT THE REQUEST, AS REPORTED  
SEPTEL, REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST AS TO INFORMATION  
WE CAN PASS TO OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES, OTHER FOREIGN  
SERVICE UNITS, AND, IF ASKED, TO FRIENDLY FOREIGN  
EMBASSIES AND PRESS.

10. CONCERNING THE SIX MARINES. WE EXPECT NO DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING SOME MARINES ON HAND UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF AT LEAST TWO SY REPLACEMENTS. MEANWHILE, IN VIEW OF THE SPECIFIC LAO REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPARTURE OF PERSONNEL OF A MILITARY CHARACTER, WE PLAN TO START SHIPPING THE MARINES OUT PIECEMEAL AS NEW ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS FOR THEM ARE FOUND. COLONEL APPEZZATO HAS ONWARD ASSIGNMENTS FOR TWO OF THEM HE, RSO AND NCOIC ASSURE ME THAT WE CAN OPERATE SATISFACTORILY WITH THE REMAINING FOUR. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE HAVE AT TIMES FUNCTIONED DURING THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF WITH A TOTAL OF FOUR MARINES, AND COLONEL APPEZZATO TELLS ME THAT THIS SITUATION HAS OCCURRED AT OTHER POSTS.

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